

Mexican Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon melanogaster* (Swainson), in abundance in the states of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico. It also crossed into Arizona, along the San Bernardino and Santa Cruz rivers, breeding on both sides of the international boundary line. Five or six specimens including adults of both sexes and young recently from the nest, were collected in Arizona, and are now in the United States National Museum.—*Edgar A. Mearns.*

### A new *Cypripedium*.

*Cypripedium veganum*, n. sp.—Allied to *C. pubescens* and *C. parviflorum*. Differs from both, but especially from *parviflorum*, by the oblong stigma, rounded and almost truncate at the end. Agrees with *pubescens* in the large flowers, but the lip is very bright yellow as in *parviflorum*. Leaves and stems glabrous, with only a few scattered gland-hairs. Flowers very slightly fragrant.

Upper sepals as long as the lip; lower much shorter; petals narrow, longer than the lip, usually twisted. Lip much inflated, laterally compressed, pubescent at base within, speckled with dull red within, faintly speckled on outside above towards the apex; sterile stamen triangular, spotted like the lip. Leaves lanceolate. Stems a foot to a foot-and-a-half high.

Measurements in millimeters:—Upper sepals, length 35–45; lower, length 32–40; breadth, (two united) 15–19; petals, length 45–57; greatest breadth, 7; lip, length, 33–41; breadth, 14–19; sterile stamen, length, 14, breadth, 6.

Leaves with about 6 prominent and 6 weaker veins; average of the larger leaves, length, 135, breadth, 40.

*Hab.*—Sapello Canyon, Las Vegas Range, N. M., about 8000 ft. (Canadian Zone); in full flower in June. Many specimens examined. The type will be placed in U. S. National Museum.—*T. D. A. Cockerell and P. and M. Barker.*

### A new name for *Mus obscurus* Miller.

The name *Mus obscurus* which I recently applied to a small rat from Tioman Island, off the east coast of the Malay Peninsula (Proc. Washington Acad. Sci., II, p. 213, August 20, 1900) is preoccupied by *Mus obscurus* Waterhouse (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, V, p. 19, 1837). It may therefore be replaced by *Mus pullus*.—*Gerrit S. Miller, Jr.*